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2011 BRISTOL HARBOR QUAHAUG TRANSPLANT IS NOW A <u>FUNDED TRANSPLANT</u> IT IS SCHEDULED FOR: TUESDAY MAY 24, 2011

Shellfishermen that participate in the program will initially harvest the quahaugs in Bristol Harbor, then will be required to transport the clams to the Bristol Harbor Shellfish Transplant Area, and then will dump the clams directly from their own vessel.

Participants will be paid \$7 per 50 pound bag.

- The shellfish transplant will take place between 8 a.m. and noon.
- Shellfishermen wishing to take part in the transplant should report to the on-scene DEM enforcement patrol boat by 8 a.m. on the day of the transplant. The officers will collect licenses to facilitate accounting.
- Transplanted shellfish will be unavailable for harvest until December 2011.
- Sufficient funds remain in the 2011 transplant budget, allowing a change from "volunteer transplant" to "funded transplant" in Bristol Harbor.